

Truedell Public School Parent Council: Meeting Monday October 20, 2025 @ 6:30pm, Library

Attendance: Torrie Hawley, Jennifer King, John Wickson, Stephanie Shunk, David Allison, Ken Major, Jessica Major, Tasha Wallace, Holly Jacques, Desiree DeGagne

Regrets: Kelly Sparks

1) Approval of Agenda 1)Holly Jacques 2) John Wickson

2) Approval of September 2025 Meeting Minutes 1) Torrie Hawley 2) John Wickson

3) Principal Report: Mr. Allison

- teachers appreciative of parent council involvement and support
- soccer teams
- cross country- tremendous showing, 56 competed, 25 qualified for district meet, big congratulations to all teams, regional cross country on Wednesday
- Paul Davis: good evening, good questions and conversations for the evening program, lower turnout. Well received by students.
- Turkey Trot a great success! Everyone had fun!
- Pumpkin Patch trips- rescheduled due to rain.
- Race around the Park (Lancaster)- fun time.
- PA day spent going through screening tools/data and the information was used to design school improvement/action plan.
- Patrick Callaghan coming in for 6 weeks to speak to the grade 7 & 8's about mental health.
- Beyond Classroom: Mrs. Phippen's class will be visiting Kingston City Hall for a week for an out of classroom learning experience. Program ties in directly to social study curriculum- activities include touring city hall and participating in a mock city council meeting.
- Connections Engineers- program visiting and providing programs for the entire school! Hands on, engineering science based/coding lessons. Option to have their 24ft mobile learning trailer brought onsite.
- IEP's were sent home on October 16, 2025.
- LEXIA program in Ms. Stong's class.
- Volley Ball being lead by Mr. Broome, Mrs. Montgomery & Mrs. Squarebriggs for grade 7 & 8's
- Public Health coming in on October 22 to provide immunizations for grade 7 students and grade 8's who may have not participated last year
- Progress reports will be sent home on November 13, 2025.
- Thanks to Mr. Maple (Ken Major) who visited and educated students about tree and leaf identification!
- Parent Involvement Committee: Truedell Public School representative is Rebecca Hussain
- Truedell Public School Open House: well received and organized

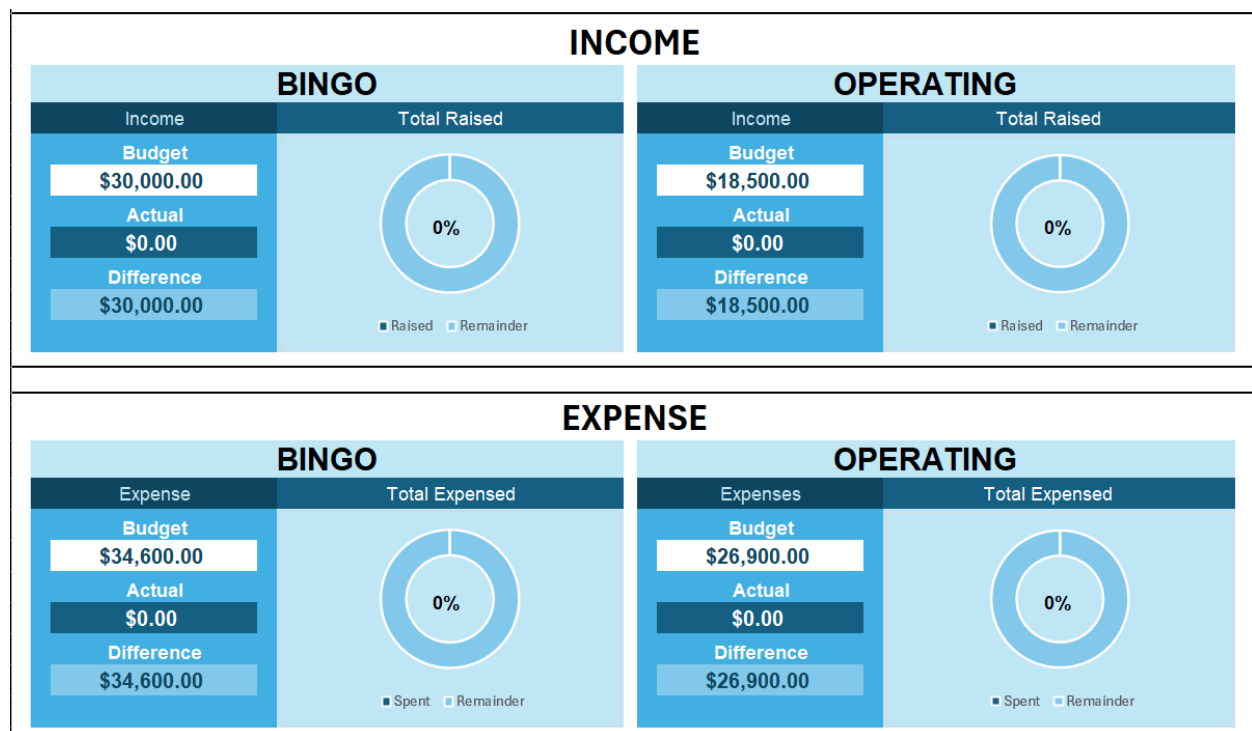
4) Faculty Report: Stephanie Shunk

- EA's requesting support from the parent council to fund a tote box containing baking/cooking/lifeskills supplies (pots/pans/measuring cups, etc) to provide direct support to students requiring specialized life skills support. To be voted on in Financial Report.
- Knitting club starting November 5th, projects made will be donated to support home based housing by knitting hats or blanket squares.

5) Financial Report- review budget and fundraising meeting: Holly Jacques

Budget presented to all present.

Fundraisers throughout year: Monster Mash Dance (October), Wrapping Paper (December), Family Game Night (January), Cake Raffle (February) & Springfest (June) (money directly back to parent council budget)



Side conversations:

- Can we make payment options for families more clear (School Day vs cash vs both)
- If parents/caregivers have any difficulties with School Day contact Teresa Farrell to let her know of issues
- Kelly Sparks (brought forward by Torrie) presented plan for teacher appreciation, in talks with Mr. Allison, survey sent to teachers.

- Cupcakes: going ahead with parent supplying, budget in place to purchase cupcakes for allergens/diet restrictions
- Little Caesars: Mr. Allison to clarify closing date as paperwork and online newsletters have different dates
- non income community building events: Winterfest December 17
- Terri Smith stepped down from fundraising coordinator, fundraising coordinator not being replaced however if anyone interested in planning any event please reach out, duties will be shared.

Motion made by Torrie Hawley to approve budget as is with review in February meeting (Torrie), seconded by John Wickson, all in favour

Motion made by Jennifer King to approve up to \$500 out of BINGO expense to support EA's in purchasing tote and lifeskills items as requested by Stephanie Shunk, seconded by Ken Major, all in favour

6) Monster Mash, first fundraiser of the year, update planning: lead: Torrie Hawley with Joy Olding. Will occur on Halloween (October 31, 2025). The pledge forms have been sent home, glow sticks have been purchased. Torrie Hawley & Holly Jacques will count money on Monday November 3, 2025.

Side Conversations:

- Will discuss lead for Game Night at December meeting/planning meetings

7) Schedule 2025/26 council meetings December 1/25, February 2/25, March 30/26, May 11/26, June 16/26

8) Other:

Ken Major- inquiring about yearbooks. Discussion about logistics/difficulty obtaining pictures etc., a lot of work

9) Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Torrie Hawley

Seconded by Jennifer King

If anyone has any questions, suggestions or desire to volunteer (fundraisers/BINGO, etc) please do not hesitate to reach out to our Co-Chairs:

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